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GREENSVILLE DEPUTY SHERIFF INDICTED IN DRUG CONSPIRACY

(**Richmond, VA**) - Timothy W. Williams, age 35, of Emporia, Virginia, was indicted yesterday on charges of conspiring to distribute crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and marijuana. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and James Gregorious, Assistant Special Agent-In-Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration announced the indictment.

The indictment alleges that Williams, a Greensville County Deputy Sheriff, conspired to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, as well as quantities of powder cocaine between 2004 and June 2006. Williams is also charged with conspiring to distribute marijuana on June 5, 2006. Additionally, documents filed with the Court allege that Williams used his position with the Greensville County Sheriff's Office to conduct traffic stops of known drug dealers after he had received information that they would be transporting narcotics. Williams allegedly seized the narcotics and re-distributed them to his co-conspirators for street level distribution. Williams is also alleged to have extorted money from area dealers - threatening to have them arrested if they did not pay him the sums he demanded.

If convicted, Williams faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years' imprisonment and a maximum of life imprisonment. Williams was arrested on June 13, 2006, and is currently being held without bond.

The case was investigated by agents of the DEA Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Peter S. Duffey.

Criminal indictments are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.